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CENTER FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

University Honors Program

HONORS NEWS

DECEMBER 1993

NEW EASY TO USE MENU AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS ON MUNET ACCOUNTS

Honors students can take advantage of an easy to use menu that will pop up on the screen each time they log onto their MUNet computer accounts. The menu is designed to bypass many of the VAX commands that can be time-consuming to learn. Aside from electronic mail, the menu will also introduce students to many of the facilities of the Internet. Why do people use the INTERNET? For one thing, it provides an array of academic bulletin boards (often called "lists") that allow users with shared interests to communicate with each other. The kinds of communications vary, from chit chat to announcements of upcoming conferences, important new publications, and new academic programs. Another reason people want access to the INTERNET is to read electronic journals; many of these are available only electronically and not in print. Library catalogs can also be scanned remotely--you don't have to go to the New York Public Library or to the University of Chicago to find out what their holdings are. The menu below makes it relatively easy to access many of the facilities of the INTERNET. If you would like to access the menu, send an e-mail message to Dr. Spindel at **SPINDEL** or at **MUVMS5::HST001**.

John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence Main Menu

Menu Software by Bob Boag

Menu Problems EMAIL MMCCARTHY

MAIL	Electronic MAIL
NEWS	World-Wide and Local News
CD	Compact Disks (Medline, CINAHL, etc.)
GRANTS	Grant Funding Indices and Information
LIB	Library Access
RES	Research Utilities and Resources by Subject Area
NET	Internet Resources & Utilities (FTP, Telnet, Gopher)
APPS	VMS Applications (WP51, 20/20, SAS, etc.)
UTIL	VMS Utilities (PHONE, SEND, etc.)
FILES	File Handling and Transfer (EVE, Kermit, etc.)
YGS161	YGS161 Simulations, Projects, Assignments & Exams
FUN	Fun & Games on the Net
HELP	VMS Help, Documentation & Training
LO	Logoff MUVMS6
X	Exit Menu (type MENU to return to menu)

Enter Option:

IS THE INTERNET?
(From TIME Magazine, 11/93)

The Internet, for those who haven't been hanging out in cyberspace, reading the business pages or following Doonesbury, is the mother of all computer networks -- an anarchistic electronic freeway that has spread uncontrollably and now circles the globe. It is at once the shining archetype and the nightmare vision of the information highway that the Clinton Administration has been touting and that the telephone and cable-TV companies are racing to build. Much of what Bell Atlantic and Time Warner are planning to sell -- interactivity, two-way communications, multimedia info on demand -- the Internet already provides for free. And because of its cold war roots, the Internet has one quality that makes it a formidable competitor: you couldn't destroy it if you tried. Nobody owns the Internet, and no single organization controls its use. In the mid-1980s the National Science Foundation built the high-speed, long-distance data lines that form Internet's U.S. backbone. But the major costs of running the network are shared in a cooperative arrangement by its primary users: universities, national labs, high-tech

corporations and foreign governments. Two years ago, the NSF lifted restrictions against commercial use of the Internet, and in September the White House announced a plan to make it the starting point for an even grander concept called the National Information Infrastructure. Suddenly the Internet is the place to be. College students are queuing up outside computing centers to get online. Executives are ordering new business cards that show off their Internet addresses. Millions of people around the world are logging on to tap into libraries, call up satellite weather photos, download free computer programs and participate in discussion groups with everyone from lawyers to physicists to sadomasochists. Even the President and Vice President have their own Internet accounts (although they aren't very good at answering their mail). **GET YOUR INTERNET ACCOUNT AT MU TODAY AT CORBLY 331 OR THE MU COMPUTER CENTER IN PRICHARD.**

MAIER WRITING AWARDS COMPETITION

Undergraduates taking courses outside the Department of English are now eligible to submit papers to the Maier Writing Awards competition. Students can submit papers

written for COLA classes taken during the spring, summer, or fall of 1993 (one paper per student), to Prof. Michele Schiavone or Prof. Joan Gilliland, Acting Chair of English. The deadline is January 31, 1994. Honors students should consider entering a paper. All winners of the competition will receive cash awards and will be presented their prizes at an awards ceremony in April. Required applications are available at the CAE (OM 230), or at the Department of English in Corbly Hall.

BRITISH UNIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOOLS

The University of London (July 4-July 22), and Oxford University (July 3-August 13), sponsor summer study programs for American students. Courses of study include literature, British theater and culture. Students may be able to earn 6 credits while attending these programs. Complete information is available at the CAE. Either one of these programs would qualify for an Honors Program Summer Study Abroad scholarship of \$1000. Eligible students must be enrolled in an Honors course at MU during Spring semester, 1994. Come by the CAE and pick up the information tomorrow!

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